

SIXTH DAY

(Monday, June 17, 1968)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Herring
Bates	Hightower
Bernal	Jordan
Berry	Kennard
Blanchard	Mauzy
Brooks	Moore
Christie	Patman
Cole	Ratliff
Connally	Reagan
Creighton	Schwartz
Grover	Strong
Hall	Wade
Hardeman	Watson
Harrington	Wilson
Harris	Word
Hazlewood	

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation.

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, June 13, 1968, was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

Senate Resolution 53

Senator Hightower offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have as visitors in the Senate Frances Goff, Director of the American Legion-Bluebonnet Auxiliary Girls State together with Miss Sherry Clements, of Plainview, Governor, and Miss Sharron Flynt, of Dimmitt, Lieutenant Governor for the 1968 Girls State; and

Whereas, We desire to welcome these distinguished visitors to the Capitol Building and Capital City; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That their presence be recognized by the Senate of Texas and that they be extended the official welcome of the Senate, and extended the privileges of the floor for the day.

HIGHTOWER
AIKIN

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Hightower, by unanimous consent, introduced Governor Clements to the Members of the Senate.

Senator Aikin, by unanimous consent, expressed appreciation to Miss Goff for her many courtesies to the Members of the Senate and presented her to the Members.

Senate Resolution 54

Senator Ratliff offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have as visitors in the Senate Miss Pat Perrin of Hamlin, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Miss Susan Roeder of Abilene, Comptroller of Public Accounts and Miss Cindi Copeland of Olney, Attorney General of the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State and

Whereas, We desire to welcome these distinguished visitors to the Capitol Building and Capital City; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That their presence be recognized by the Senate of Texas and that they be extended the official welcome of the Senate.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Ratliff by unanimous consent, presented the distinguished guests to the Members of the Senate.

Message from the House

Hall of the House of Representatives
Austin, Texas,
June 17, 1968.

Hon. Preston Smith, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has adopted the following:

H. C. R. No. 7, Inviting The Honorable W. W. Heath, Ambassador to Sweden, to address a Joint Session of the Texas Legislature on Wednesday, June 26, 1968, at the hour of 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY HALLMAN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Resolutions Signed

The President signed in the pres-

ence of the Senate after the caption had been read, the following enrolled resolutions:

S. C. R. No. 4, Memorial resolution for Colonel Homer Garrison, Jr.

S. C. R. No. 5, Commending the heroism of South Houston Patrolman Frank Phillips.

S. C. R. No. 6, Memorial resolution for the Honorable Albert R. Cauthorn.

Senate Resolution 56

Senator Jordan offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored to have in the Senate on June 17, 1968, Miss Susan Latham and Miss Patty Bass of Houston, Harris County, Texas, and

Whereas, Miss Susan Latham was recently elected to the post of Justice of the Court of Criminal Appeals of the American Legion Girls State, Department of Texas, for the year 1968, and

Whereas, Miss Patty Bass was elected to the position of Railroad Commissioner of the American Legion Girls State, Department of Texas, for the year 1968, and

Whereas, These young women exemplify by their devotion to the highest ideals of democratic government the best of all that America can hope to expect from its youth of today,

Whereas, Miss Latham and Miss Bass are products of the public and schools of Houston, Harris County, Texas, and thereby demonstrate their training in the democratic process, and

Whereas, These fine students were reared and have matured in a home atmosphere conducive to their interest in our State and therefore reflect the love and interest of their parents, and

Whereas, Through their attendance at Girls State have gained an increasing knowledge of the functioning of State government, and

Whereas, Miss Latham and Miss Bass are the leaders of tomorrow, who with the acceptance of democracy's heritage, must carry on the responsibilities of self-government;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, That we extend to these young ladies our heartfelt good wishes; and that a copy of this Resolution, bearing the

official seal of the Senate, be sent to them in appreciation of their achievements.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Jordan, by unanimous consent, introduced Miss Latham and Miss Bass to the Members of the Senate.

House Concurrent Resolution 7 on Second Reading

The President laid before the Senate the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 7, Inviting The Honorable W. W. Heath, Ambassador to Sweden, to address a Joint Session of the Texas Legislature on Wednesday, June 26, 1968, at the hour of 11 a.m.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Hall, and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted.

Messages From the Governor

The following messages received from the Governor were read and were referred to the Committee on Nominations:

Austin, Texas,
June 14, 1968.

To the Senate of the Sixtieth Legislature, First Called Session:

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointments:

To be members of the Board of Regents of the University of Houston: For six-year terms to expire September 1, 1973: Mrs. Gus Wortham of Houston, Harris County; A. J. Farfel of Houston, Harris County; C. T. Parker of Houston, Harris County.

To be a member of the Texas Youth Council: For a six-year term to expire September 1, 1973: Louis Henna of Round Rock, Williamson County.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN CONNALLY,
Governor of Texas

Austin, Texas,
June 14, 1968.

To the Senate of the Sixtieth Legislature, First Called Session:

I ask the advice, consent and confirmation of the Senate with respect to the following appointment:

To be a Branch Pilot for the Port Aransas, Corpus Christi Bay and Tributaries: For a two-year term to expire June 1, 1970: John F. Mathisen of Corpus Christi, Nueces County.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN CONNALLY,
Governor of Texas.

Senate Bill 5 on First Reading

The following bill was introduced, read first time and referred to the Committee indicated:

By Senator Bernal:

S. B. No. 5, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting the carrying of certain weapons while entering or being in a place where alcoholic beverages are served for on-premises consumption; prescribing a penalty; providing exceptions; providing for the lesser included offense; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Memorial Resolutions

S. R. No. 58—By Senator Watson: Memorial resolution for Jack Bothwell.

S. R. No. 59—By Senator Watson: Memorial resolution for Thomas A. Taylor, Sr.

S. R. No. 60—By Senator Watson: Memorial resolution for Charlie Harringer, Jr.

S. R. No. 61—By Senator Watson: Memorial resolution for Mrs. Mozelle Rogers Ferguson.

S. R. No. 62—By Senator Watson: Memorial resolution for T. A. Crittenden.

S. R. No. 63—By Senator Watson: Memorial resolution for Walter S. Amsler.

S. R. No. 64—By Senator Watson: Memorial resolution for John Harvey Rogers, Jr.

Welcome and Congratulatory Resolutions

S. R. No. 55—By Senator Harrington: Extending welcome to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Keene and son, David.

S. R. No. 65—By Senator Grover: Extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chenault on the birth of their son, Michael Lee Chenault.

S. R. No. 66—By Senator Watson: Extending welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Don French and son, Boyd.

S. R. No. 67—By Senators Harde-
man, Wilson and Jordan: Commend-
ing observance of National Root
Beer Week.

S. R. No. 68—By Senator Brooks: Commending George Chandler on his service to the citizens of Baytown.

S. R. No. 69—By Senator Watson: Extending welcome to Miss Helen Russell and Miss Anne Robinson.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Aikin the Senate at 11:00 o'clock a.m. adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX

Sent to the Governor

June 17, 1968

S. C. R. No. 4

S. C. R. No. 5

S. C. R. No. 6

In Memory of
Captain Albert James Nichols, Sr.

Senator Brooks offered the following resolution:

(Senate Concurrent Resolution 12)

Whereas, With the untimely death of Captain Albert James Nichols, Sr., on May 29, 1968, at the age of 48, the city of Houston lost a dedicated lawman, one who devoted 23 years of his lifetime to the preservation of law and order; and

Whereas, He was a native of Louisiana, but had resided for much of his life in Houston and was a graduate of Jefferson Davis High School; and

Whereas, A veteran of World War II, he joined the Harris County Sheriff's Department in 1945 and at the time of his death was a captain in the department, serving as head of the patrol division; and

Whereas, Upon hearing of his death, Chief Deputy Loyd Frazier of the Sheriff's Department said of Captain Nichols: "He's somebody we can't replace . . . we can replace the position, but we can't replace a man like Albert Nichols"; and

Whereas, Captain Nichols participated in civic and religious activities: he was a member of the Elks Lodge and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Association; he was a devout member and lay worker of Saint Jerome Catholic Church; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Texas Legislature pay tribute to this loyal and honorable citizen of Houston and extend sincere sympathy to members of his family: to his wife, the former Geraldine Bailey; to his two sons, Albert James Nichols, Jr., and Jerry Ray Nichols; and to his daughter, Mrs. Steve Hyden; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family and that when the 60th Legislature adjourns this day, it do so in deep respect to the memory of Captain Albert James Nichols, Sr.

BROOKS
GROVER
COLE
JORDAN

The resolution was read and was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

In Memory of
Captain Tom H. Ralph

Senator Word offered the following resolution:

(Senate Resolution 57)

Whereas, The family, friends, and people of the entire State of Texas were deeply saddened by the death of Captain Tom H. Ralph of Clifton, Texas; and

Whereas, He lost his life during a patrol with his company of Marines on May 17, 1968, while fighting in Vietnam for the cause of freedom; and

Whereas, He was an honor student at Clifton High School, received a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering at A&M University in 1962; and a M.E. degree in Civil Engineering in 1963; and

Whereas, He attended Marine Platoon Leader's Class at Quantico, Virginia in the summers of 1960 and 1961, where he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and adjudged the outstanding Marine Corps Cadet in the United States; and

Whereas, He is survived by his wife, the former Jean Sanders, and two children, Laura Lee, age 4, and Thomas Andrew, age 1; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ralph, Sr.; and one younger brother, Sam, all of Clifton, Texas; and

Whereas, He entered the Marine Corps on active duty in August, 1963, and served three years in the 2nd Marine Division assigned to the Atlantic Ocean, during which time he participated in the invasion of Santo Domingo; and

Whereas, He was discharged as a Captain in August of 1966 and reentered the Marine Corps in November of 1967; he was sent to Da Nang, Vietnam, in February, 1968, and became Company Commander two months later; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the State of Texas pay tribute to Captain Tom H. Ralph, and extend sincerest sympathy to his wife, children, and parents; and, be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be prepared under the Seal of the Senate for the members of his family, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in deep respect to Captain Tom H. Ralph.

WORD
MOORE

The resolution was read and was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.